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SUBJECT: CLERIDES REPORTEDLY TO RESIGN: MAKARIOS AGAIN
CHALLENGES GRIVAS; OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

REF: NICOSIA 863

BEGIN SUMMARY: CLERDIES REPORTEDLY PLANS TO RESIGN AS
GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR AND PRESIDENT HOUSE OF REPS.
MAKARIOS CHALLENGES GRIVAS TO SEEK PUBLIC SUPPORT; DECLARES
TURK CYPRIOT REBELLION CONTINUE. ARCHBISHOP DENOUNCES
BISHOPS ACTION " DEPOSING " HIM. VIOLENCE CONTINUES. END SUMMARY

1. THROUGHOUT WEEKEND, LOCAL PRESS SPECULATED OVER
CLERIDES' REPORTED INTENTION RESIGN FROM PRESIDENCY CYPRIOT
HOUSE OF REPS AND FROM POSITION OF GREEK CYPRIOT
REPRESENTATIVE IN INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. AGHON, WHICH
FREQUENTLY REFLECTS CLERIDES VIEWS, SAID IMPENDING
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RESIGNATION IS RESULT OF CLERIDES OPPOSITION TO BOTH PRO- GRIVAS AND PRO- MAKARIOS VIOLENCE WHICH HAS MADE HIS ROLE IN TALKS MORE DIFFICULT. ACCORDING AGHON, CLERIDES FEELS UNABLE COUNTER TURK CLAIMS THEY REQUIRE GREATER AUTONOMY FOR THEIR SECURITY WHILE GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY IN DISARRAY. 049- CLERIDES ALITHIA SAYS RESIGNATION IS A PROTEST AGAINST GRIVASITE VIOLENCE, GOC SUPPORT FOR COUNTER VIOLENCE, AND GREEK GOVT'S FAILURE OPENLY TO CONDEMN GRIVAS ACTIVITIES.

2. COMMENT: CLERIDES HAS NOT DENIED PRESS ACCOUNTS. HE MAY REGARD THREAT OF RESIGNATION AS MOST EFFECTIVE WAY FORCE ATHENS TO CONTAIN GRIVAS. ALSO POSSIBLE THAT LOCAL AUTONOMY IMPASS HAS CONVINCED CLERIDES THAT TALKS ARE BOUND TO FAIL AND HE PREFERS AVOID THEIR DEATH THROES. END COMMENT.

3. ON APRIL 15 MAKARIOS CHALLENGED GRIVAS TO COME OUT OF HIDING AND SEEK PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR HIS VIOLENT ENOSIS CAMPAIGN. SPEAKING AT CEREMONY COMMEMORATING POLICE WHO DIED IN INTERCOMMUNAL FIGHTING, MAKARIOS DESCRIBED ATTACKS ON POLICE AS BLOWS AGAINST CYPRIOT HELLENISM AND AGAINST ENOSIS, WHICH WILL LEAD TO PARTITION. GRIVASITES ARE, HE CHARGED, " HEROES OF NATIONAL DISASTER" AND MUST BE CHECKED. MAKARIOS ADMITTED THAT SOME POLICE HAD FAILED CARRY OUT DUTIES AND SAID THESE " ROTTEN LIMBS" MUST BE CUT OFF.

4. MAKARIOS RECALLED THAT POLICE HAD BORNE BRUNT OF DEC 1963 FIGHTING ON ORMOPHITA, AYIOS SOZOMENOS, AND OTHER AREAS, WHERE THEY FOUGHT ON FRONT LINE AND SACRIFICED THEMSELVES FOR NATIONAL RIGHTS AGAINST TURKISH REBELS. UNLAWFUL TURKISH REBELLION STILL GOING ON, HE ALLEGED AND POLICE CONTINUE THEIR " MILITANT NATIONAL TASK," WHICH GRIVASITES ARE HINDERING

5. COMMENT: WHILE MAKARIOS REMARKS MAY HAVE SOME SALUTARY EFFECT ON POLICE MORALE, VERBAL ATTACK ON GRIVAS IS UNLIKELY DAMAGE EX- EOKA LEADERS' S STANDING AMONG ENOSISTS. TURK CYPRIOTS WILL FIND HIS REMARKS HIGHLY OFFENSIVE AND NET OUTCOME WILL BE DAMAGING TO PROSPECTS FOR INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. TURKISH CHARGE HAS JUST
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TOLD ME TURK CYPRIOTS CONSIDER SPEECH " A BOMB."

END COMMENT

6. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, THREE BISHOPS ANNOUNCED LATE APRIL 13 THAT THEY HAD DEPOSED MAKARIOS FROM ARCHIEPISCOPAL SEE AND INSTALLED YENNADIOS AS LOCUM TENES. CONTRARY INITIAL REPORTS, HOWEVER, BISHOPS SAID NOTHING ABOUT CHURCH FINANCES OR PRAYERS DURING MASSES. MAKARIOS IMMEDIATELY DENOUNCED DECISION AS NULL AND VOID.

7. LOW LEVEL VIOLENCE CONTINUES, WITH EXPLOSIONS VIRTUALLY A DAILY OCCURRENCE. WE WILL NOT REPORT UNLESS PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT.
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